

General Education Council October 11, 2021 - 1:00 - 4:00pm Colorado Department of Higher Education Remote ONLY

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AGENDA -- NOTES

I. GREETINGS & INTRODUCTIONS

- 1. Welcome (Chris Rasmussen)
- 2. Attendance (Christina Carrillo)

In attendance: Wayne Artis (CFAC-PPCC); Kelsey Bennett (WCU); Joann Brennan (CU Denver); Morgan Bridge (CMU); Helen Caprioglio (CSU-P); Charlie Couch (UNC); Kristen Cusack (CCCS-CCA); Vibhuti Dave (CSM); Margaret Doell (ASU); Maureen Durkin (CU System); Kris Greer (FLC); Gus Greivel (CSM); Paul Hitchcock (MSU Denver); Alex Ilyasova (UCCS); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Carol Kuper (CCCS-MCC-SFCC); Mike Lightner (CU System); Jeff London (CFAC-MSU Denver); Kelly Long (CSU); AnnMarie Marlier (CSU-G); Nancy Matchett (UNC); Peter McCormick (FLC); Linda Merkl (CCCS-NJC); Ruthanne Orihuela (CCCS-CCD); Scott Reichel (Aims); Beez Schell (CMC); Keah Schueneman (MSU Denver); Patrick Tally (CU Boulder); Chris Tombari (CCCS-CCA); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE)

II. Adoption of last meeting's notes

[See handout: 2021-09-13- GE Council - NOTES.pdf]
 Notes approved

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- Proposed Revisions to CCHE Policy Section I, Part X: Prior Learning Assessment to Comply with HB20-1002 (A Plan to Award Transferrable College Credit for Work-Related Experience)
 - a. The proposed plan for HB20-1002 has been presented to various stakeholder groups for discussion and feedback, including with members of the CCHE. There were several points from these groups that needed to be clarified and resolved with Council members.



- b. The proposed revisions will be going before the Commission as an action item on October 22. The CCHE Student Success & Workforce Alignment (SS&WA) Standing Committee will be meeting on October 18 to discuss SS&WA related agenda items; however, CDHE staff has scheduled a separate SS&WA meeting for October 13 to do a deep dive discussion about the HB20-1002 plan. Chris reviewed the PPT deck in preparation for the October 13 meeting.
 - i. On Step 2 of the plan, Council members expressed concern about the order of the process for when a provider submits a credential.
 - ii. It was suggested that any student submission of credentials should go directly to an institution and not to CDHE.
 - iii. It was stated that if the content of competencies associated with a GT Pathways category is revised, then any equivalencies tied to that category must be revisited.
 - iv. Also, if the content and competencies of a course in an STAA is revised, any equivalencies with that course must also be revisited.
 - v. It was suggested in regard to the three-year review period for approved equivalencies with GT Pathways or courses in an STAA, that the department develop a cover sheet for reviews that helps to distinguish between a substantive and a non-substantive change in a particular credential.

2. Discussion of SHEEO Transfer Policy Project

a. The Project Leadership Team met on September 28. A discussion was had about the survey component of the self-study process of the project. It was asked how the institutional and student level surveys will be managed/administered?

3. Google Certificates and Academic Pathways

a. Mike Lightner presented a potential opportunity for GE Council and institutions to consider how Google Certificates in IT, project management, and data analytics might be aligned with individual courses or otherwise articulate into postsecondary degree or certificate programs. It could be a good opportunity to test the developing plan to align industry credentials with GT Pathways or courses in an STAA. Chris Rasmussen suggested it could be part of a Fac-2-Fac conference in early 2022, which might also bring together math faculty to explore the revised IB curriculum in mathematics.

4. Colorado Open Educational Resources (OER) Grant RFP - 2021 - 2022

- a. The RFP is expected to be released by the end of this week/early next week, with grant applications due December 15
- b. In addition to institutional and small group grants, the RFP was revised to include collaborative or partnership opportunities across multiple institutions and/or K-12 partners, including BOCES.
- c. Chealsye Bowley has been hired as the new Director of Open Education and Learning Innovation. She is currently a scholarly librarian with the University of Wyoming. Her first day with CDHE will be November 2.

5. STAA Review Updates

- a. Christina announced that she has started to send out emails and calendar invitations to the following faculty groups: Business, Biology, Psychology, Elementary Education, and Chemistry.
- b. Each email contains a summary of the proposed changes to each discipline's STAA. The email also contained the date/time and corresponding Zoom link for each discipline's scheduled meeting to reaffirm the proposed changes from previous Faculty-to-Faculty conferences.
- c. Council members requested rosters for each discipline to ensure appropriate representation at each meeting. Christina stated that she will be working from the original Faculty-to-Faculty conference rosters from two years ago and will email Council members this week for review.
- 6. New and closed GT Pathways courses

<u>New</u>

None

<u>Closed</u>

None